

SENATE BILL 1777
By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-151, relative to petitions for recall, referendum or initiative.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-151, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (e) and redesignating the current subsection (e) and remaining subsections accordingly:

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d), in any county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, petitions shall be signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the number of registered voters in such county who voted in the preceding general election. The disqualification of one (1) or more signatures shall not render a petition invalid, but shall disqualify such signatures from being counted towards the statutory minimum number of signatures required in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.